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### REPEAL SALES TAX ON LIBRARY BOOKS!

Several county Legislative Delegations have indicated they will support a measure to repeal the payment of sales tax on books purchased by public libraries and to make it retroactive to the enactment of the sales tax law.

This is a vital concern with back sales taxes amounting to thousands of dollars in some cases.

BE SURE AND ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF YOUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FOR RELIEF FROM THIS TAX.

### THANK YOUR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN!

Both the House and Senate agreed September 3 by voice votes to the Conference Report on H. R. 10809, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare for Fiscal 1965. The bill contains \$55 million to implement the Library Services and Construction Act of 1964.

Of this amount, \$25 million is for Title I (Services), and \$30 million for Title II (Construction).

Letters should go as soon as possible to all Senators and Representatives expressing appreciation for this concrete evidence of Congressional interest in library improvement.



## FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SCLA CONFERENCE

The 43rd annual conference of the S. C. Library Association will be held at the Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, October 16-17, 1964. The first general session at 10:30 in the Sky Terrace Room will feature a symposium: **Library Service to Students**, moderated by Phyllis Maggeroli, Special Assistant to the Deputy Director, ALA. Panel members are: Miss Olivia Burwell, Director, Greensboro, N. C. Public Library; Miss Virginia McJenkin, Library Director, Fulton County Board of Education, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Archie McNeal, Director of Libraries, University of Miami; Mrs. LeRoy A. Woodward, Trustee, Atlanta, Ga. Public Library.

Mrs. Woodward will also be the speaker at the trustees luncheon at 1 o'clock in the Calhoun Room.

At 3:00 p. m. the Public Library Section will meet in the Marion Room to hear Olivia Burwell discuss "Acquiring and Caring for Adult Learners."

Harnett Kane will be the speaker for the banquet to be held in the Gold Room at 8:00 p. m.

After the annual business meeting at 10:30, October 17, there will be a luncheon in the Gold Room. Phyllis Maggeroli will be the speaker.

Registration fee is \$2.00. Membership dues for 1964 must be paid prior to registration. Meal tickets are to be purchased at time of registration.

### CONFERENCE ON STANDARDS

The conference of the Public Library Section, SCLA, on the proposed standards for S. C. public libraries will be held at the Charleston County Library, Charleston, S. C., on Thursday, October 15.

A luncheon, at which Evelyn Day Mullen, Library Extension Specialist, Office of Education, will speak, will be held at the Holiday Inn.

Attendance will be limited to heads of public libraries and 20 trustees invited by the Trustee Section, SCLA.

Frances Reid is chairman of the Public Library Section, and Jean Galloway is chairman of the Trustee Section.

### STUDENT-TEACHER BROCHURES ON LIBRARY USE

To help students and teachers in South Carolina make use of public libraries, the State Library Board has published two brochures, "Tips to South Carolina Students," and "Tips to South Carolina Teachers."

The student brochure urges them to know their assignments exactly and to study basic information in their textbooks for a foundation from which to work. They are advised to



come to the public library only after using the full resources of the school library, and to come prepared to work. The importance of knowing their way around the library and becoming familiar with the locations of various books and other materials is stressed.

The brochure for teachers suggests many ways in which teachers can help students make better use of public libraries.

Teachers are urged to avoid assigning the same study topic to an entire class. They are asked to provide students with reading lists including a wide selection of titles rather than just one or two books, and to assign original illustration work (so library books are not torn or defaced by tracing).

The brochure addressed to teachers recommends working with the public librarian in advance on special study projects, staggering assignments and urging students not to leave them until the last minute, visiting the library and becoming familiar with its resources, teaching students the proper use of the public library and encouraging them to use the school library first in preparing assignments.

#### ANDERSON DELEGATION TO RESCUE!

An advance of \$7,500 until taxes are collected for the operation of the Anderson County Library was authorized by the County Legislative Delegation upon presentation of the financial situation by W. Avery Hunt of the library board.

The library encountered financial difficulties when revenue from the tax millage was about \$8,000 less than anticipated.

A contributing factor is the expansion of services. When the library was established with an appropriation of one and one-half mills in 1958, there was only one branch. Since that time six branches and a second bookmobile have been added.

The delegation agreed to consider an increase in the tax levy should library tax revenue continue to fall short of expenses.

#### UNIFIED LIBRARY SYSTEM PROPOSED FOR ABBEVILLE COUNTY

A steering committee to investigate possibilities of a unified county and possible regional library system was selected at any open meeting at the Abbeville County Courthouse on September 2, 1964.

Sixty Abbeville County residents attended the meeting at which Estellene P. Walker, Director, S. C. State Library Board, explained the advantages of a regional library system.

W. M. Agnew, Donalds, S. C., gave an account of the county library's establishment in the 1930's and its subsequent operation. Mr. Agnew is chairman of the county library board.



Myer Poliakoff, chairman and acting treasurer of the Abbeville Public Library Board, explained the operation of the city library.

State Senator A. B. Carwille, Representative Charles Power, and Abbeville Mayor Savitz also spoke on the present financing of the library.

The steering committee is to investigate the means of financing a unified, improved library system and the reaction of citizens of the county to the proposal. It will meet with representatives from the State Library Board on November 19.

Betty Callaham, Adult Consultant, S. C. State Library Board, accompanied Miss Walker to the meeting.

### FORT MILL LIBRARY DEDICATED

J. B. Dobkin, former Fort Mill businessman who was instrumental in the organization of the library, cut the ribbon to signal the former opening of the Fort Mill Library on September 13, 1964.

Tom Gullledge of the Fort Mill Chamber of Commerce was master of ceremonies and introduced city and county officials, members of the local library board, and Mrs. Fred L. Nims, librarian.

Mrs. R. C. Page, president of the Fort Mill Woman's Club, presented a \$100 check to Bob Hill, Chairman of the library board.

The Fort Mill Library is a branch of the York County Library.

### NEW BUILDING FOR NINETY-SIX LIBRARY

A completely renovated former fire station was opened as the Ninety-Six Library on September 18.

Remodeling of the building and furniture and equipment were made possible by contribution from organizations, business firms and individuals. Dr. L. A. Schneider is chairman of the local library board which sponsored the campaign.

Mrs. J. T. Ellison is in charge of the library which is a branch of the Greenwood City and County Public Library.

### CONTRIBUTION TO OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARY

The annual report of the Oconee County Library reveals that the County Delegation and library patrons contributed generously to the library.



A grant of \$4,000 from the county provided shelving for 8,712 books, book supports, and new lighting fixtures.

The Walhalla Garment Company donated \$229.50, which was used to purchase encyclopedias.

An anonymous donor contributed \$250 for the matching fund for the intern program.

A gift of \$100 from Imperial Manufacturing Company was used as stipulated for furnishing the lobby of the library.

### LIBRARIANS RETIRE

#### Mrs. Hilda K. Stabovitz

Mrs. Hilda Stabovitz, head of the Extension Department of the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, will retire on October 1, having been with the Regional System since its establishment in 1958.

Josephine Crouch, Library Director, stated that the library had been most fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. Stabovitz at that time of organizing rural library service for the three counties. The years since 1958 have called for continuous organization as new branch libraries were set up in smaller towns in the counties. Four branches have been added since 1959. Now in progress is the establishment of bookmobile routes and a branch library in Bamberg County. These branches are all served through the Regional Library's Extension Department.

Mrs. Stabovitz, a native of Bamberg County, is a graduate of Confederate College in Charleston, and she also studied at the Universities of South and North Carolina and at the Chicago Art Institute. Her first library position was as branch librarian with the Chicago Public Library. Later she was assistant post librarian at Fort Gordon and supervisor of branches for the Greenville Public Library. In 1953 she became the first librarian of the Barnwell County Library. Mrs. Stabovitz had retired from this position when she was persuaded to come back into library work to assist with the demonstration Regional System.

Mrs. Stabovitz has been employed as Extension Consultant by the Florence County Library for four months beginning October 19. She will plan the reorganization and expansion of bookmobile service and the development of branch libraries of the county system.

#### Miss Janie M. Smith

Miss Janie M. Smith has retired as head of the Children's Department of the Charleston County Library.

She has been with the library since September, 1936, and, as Miss Emily Sanders, librarian, said:

"She is dearly beloved by the thousands of children in whom she has implanted a love of reading. She is deeply respected by the thousands of mothers and fathers to whose



children she has generously given of herself in guiding their reading."

Miss Smith is a graduate of Memminger High and Normal School and also studied at the College of Charleston and at Columbia University School of Library Service. For 22 years she wrote a book review column weekly for The News and Courier. For several years she wrote book reviews regularly for the Library Journal and contributed articles to the Horn Book Magazine.

#### Mrs. Jewel Roberts

Mrs. Jewel Roberts, Cataloging Assistant, retired September 1, 1964, after 30 years service with the Anderson County Library. On August 24 Mrs. Sarah C. Smith, Librarian, and J. M. Wingo, Chairman of the library board, honored Mrs. Roberts with a dinner which was attended by members of the library staff and other friends.

#### SCLA SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee, SCLA, has announced that a scholarship in the amount of \$1,600 will be made available by the South Carolina Library Association in June, 1965. The committee is now ready to receive applications.

The candidate must be or have been at one time, a citizen of South Carolina, under 45 years of age. He must have had two or three years of successful and significant experience in library work, with an educational background and personal qualifications that indicate a potential for leadership in the library profession. The funds must be used for a year of uninterrupted study in a graduate library school accredited by the American Library Association. Preference will be given to a candidate for study beyond the master's degree, but candidates who plan to work for a master's degree will be considered. The applicant must be recommended by a professional librarian, preferably a supervisor who is familiar with his work and his potential for advancement. The recipient must return to the state for a period of two years following the completion of his study or repay the amount of the scholarship, plus interest.

To apply for the scholarship, the applicant will file a letter of application giving biographical and complete educational information, complete work record, and a letter indicating provisional acceptance to a library school. He will supply, also, the names of at least three references, not relatives. The application should be sent to Miss Lois Barbare, Chairman, SCLA Scholarship Committee, 1614 Senate Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Applications and assembled recommendations will be reviewed by Miss Nancy Jane Day and Miss Jessie Ham, the other committee members. Final recommendations of the committee will be given to the SCLA president for final approval of the Executive Committee.

#### WHITE HOUSE LIBRARY

A year's weighing and sifting by scholars, librarians and publishers preceded the selecting of 1780 titles for the new White House Library, started by President Kennedy and carried on by President Johnson.



Many works of Southern university presses are included in the small collection designed as a working reference library for "the present President and all the Presidents to come," as well as for their families, Cabinet officers and White House advisers.

Sections devoted to local history, music, art and architecture, land and agriculture, economic life and most of the 32 categories of the important collection include titles from scholarship presses on Southern campuses.

Among the volumes from the University of South Carolina Press are the first two volumes of the John C. Calhoun Papers, edited by R. L. Meriwether and W. E. Hemphill.

### MELCHER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Frederick G. Melcher Scholarship for the training of librarians to work with children offers \$1,500 to candidates interested in this field of librarianship.

Terms of the scholarship are: open to candidates of the United States and Canada only; granted to a candidate whose educational and personal qualifications indicate fitness for professional preparation at the graduate level; applicant must be enrolled for the consecutive period of study required by the A. L. A. accredited library school of his choice; recipient of the scholarship is expected to accept as his first position one in the field of library service to children in school, public, or other library.

Application blanks and further information may be procured from: Chairman, Melcher Scholarship Committee, c/o Children's Services Division, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

### LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

The growing importance of library service to local government is stressed in Local Public Library Administration,\* a new book which is the first joint effort of the American Library Association and the International City Managers' Association.

The publication is a practical handbook for administrators, subjects are approached from the point of view not only of the library administrator but of the mayor and city manager as well. The book emphasizes the interdependence of librarians and other local government officials and the need for development of library systems to meet the demands of urbanization, technology, and social change.

Roberta Bowler, retired assistant city librarian, Los Angeles (Calif.) Public Library, served as editor, and each chapter is authored by leading authorities in public library administration.

The State Library Board has this book on order, and upon receipt it will be available on interlibrary loan.

\* Local Public Library Administration. City Managers' Association, 1313 E. 60th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60637. Price: \$7.50.



## INVENTORY OF LIBRARY RESOURCES

A nationwide inventory of library resources is being assembled for the 1965 annual conference of the American Library Association to be held in Detroit, Michigan, July 4-10, at the direction of the Association's new president, Edwin Castagna, Director, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Castagna, with information from surveys made by the Library Services Division of the United States Office of Educational hopes to release at the Detroit Conference, a "balance sheet" of library needs including a figure of expenditures needed on a nationwide basis to bring all types of libraries up to the minimum standards set by the American Library Association.

A one-day workshop at the conference will bring together officers of ALA divisions, state associations, and others with responsibility for the various types of libraries, to consider the statistics available and to discuss the responsibilities for disseminating the information and the possible ways to use the information most effectively.

Representatives of the following groups will attend the workshop: the American Association of School Librarians, American Association of State Libraries, Association of College and Research Libraries, Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries, American Library Trustee Association, Public Library Association, and their ALA executive secretaries, president of the state library associations, heads of state library extension agencies, councilors representing state library associations, and state school library supervisors.

### YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

Why do people come into the library early in the morning? They begin asking such unnecessary questions, and I see no reason for wanting some of the books they request. I don't like to be bothered when I first get to work. I dislike all this "Good morning" stuff. In fact I don't like to talk or be talked to until after my coffee break. How can I get my staff and the public to cooperate with me and realize how I feel early in the morning?

Aggravated

Dear Aggie:

How much effort is it to smile and say "Good morning"? Do you realize that the way you act when you first get to work probably has an effect on all your staff for the entire day. As for the patron, remember your chief job is to serve and please him. It should not be any of your business why he wants certain books or questions and answers. You are not the one to evaluate the importance of his request. You should fill the request politely, rapidly, and accurately. Try to develop a policy that will make people remember their visit and want to come back soon. The staff will also appreciate your better attitude and pleasant greeting and feel better all day.

Anne



## OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

Bessie Holliday, Circulationg Department, Richland County Library, returned to work on August 24 after having been out for several months as a result of injuries sustained in a fall.

Mrs. Frances Wood, bookmobile assistant, Anderson County Library, is recuperating from an operation.

Mrs. Lee M. Kendall, Children's Librarian, Florence County Library, has announced that story hours will be held from 4 to 5 beginning October 1, 1964.

Mrs. Mary B. Mellette visited the Charleston County Library September 14-16 to study the routines and methods of the Extension Department.

Margie Herron, who received her M.S. in Library Science from Rutgers in August under the Scholarship Program of the State Library Board, has joined the staff of the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library. Miss Herron will work in the Extension Department.

The Greenwood City and County Library annotated a list of outstanding novels and issued an attractive folder entitled Extra: Good Books for Summer Reading, for use by borrowers.

## SYMPATHY TO

The family of Mrs. Frank Mandeville Rogers, III, of Florence who died August 30 in Inverness, Florida, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Rogers was a member of the Florence County Library Board and was also active in other civic and social organizations in Florence.

## SOUTH CAROLINIANA

The proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association, 1931-1963, are available from Dr. Robert C. Tucker, Secretary-Treasurer, S. C. Historical Association, Furman University Library, Greenville, S. C. Price: 1931-53 - \$1.00 each; 1954-63 - \$2.00 each.

Each volume contains three or more papers presented at the annual meeting. An annual subscription to the proceedings is \$2.00 to libraries.

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